

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 13, 14, and 16-27 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
See Applicant's arguments dated 11 July 2007.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - Article published in The Baltimore Sun entitled, "Tunnel Patrons Experiment with Toll-Paying Device" discloses polling approaching vehicle using a low-level signal.
 - Article published in Newsday entitled, "The Future IS Now Series: IT Still Ain't EZ. Fourth in a Series" discloses a road-side device that pickups signals from transponders located within a vehicle.

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- Article published in The Daily Record entitled, "Electronic Toll Collection in MD. Goes to Lockheed" discloses an electronic toll collection system wherein a transmitter in the vehicle sends out a signal that causes a toll to be deducted from an account.
- Article published in The Daily Yomiuri entitled, "Automatic Toll Collection System to Debut in 1999" discloses detecting a signal from a radio transmitter mounted in a vehicle using sensors to detect vehicle speed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shannon S. Saliard whose telephone number is 571-272-5587. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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